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SHIFTING SCENES

THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE PASSING SHOW

INSTITUTE FOR COLORED YOUTHS

Re-Organized for the Professional Training of Teachers—Sensible Correlation of Academic and Industrial Education—Sharps and Flats.

By Our Special Staff Correspondent.

The establishment of the Institute for Colored Youths at Cheyney, Pa., as a professional training school for colored teachers fills a want long felt by the Negro people all over the land.

The Institute opens in September, under the principalship of Prof. Hugh M. Brown, whose splendid work along the higher educational lines in Washington, Hampton and Baltimore commend him as the fittest man that could have been called to this important post. The site upon which the school is located is nineteen miles from Philadelphia, and covers 117 acres. By September there will be ready for use a complete equipment of buildings, supplies and all necessary facilities for the accommodation and instruction of hundreds of students. Graduates of higher institutions, high schools and persons who have completed work in history, the sciences, English and mathematics equivalent to that required in the first three years of a high school course will be admitted. This will be the first professional normal school for colored teachers in America, and while in no sense an opponent of the normal departments of other colored institutions it will aim, in a more direct and specific way, to correlate academic and industrial education, and thus produce a teacher strongly prepared to adopt the approved principles of education to the present condition of the colored people. Such an institution, to produce teachers who can bring into closer touch the home and school life of the Negro youth, was pronounced by the late consecrated educator, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, to be the supreme need in the mental training and development of the race.

The Cheyney school is not new, except in the matter of buildings, grounds and faculty. It is a reorganization of the old institute for colored youths of Philadelphia, which for sixty six years has held a foremost place among the uplifting agencies of the Negro. It has been presided over by such eminent instructors and scholars as Charles L. Reason, E. D. Bassett and Fanny Jackson Coppin. The new school is really a return to the purposes of the founders of the first industrial school, who as early as 1832 were wise enough to provide for the training of teachers and to place academic and industrial education side by side. The original patron of the school was Richard Humphreys, a native of the West Indies who died in Philadelphia in 1832, leaving $10,000 to found an institution under the care of the Society of friends. having for its object the benevolent design of instructing descendants of the African race in school learning, in the various branches of mechanic arts and trades and in agriculture, to qualify them to act as teachers. The institution came in actual existence in 1837. From book and training, the school, after a few years, adopted a curriculum of a purely academic nature and was, for a long time, the only school in the country furnishing the higher education to the colored youth, giving to the world many of the ablest teachers and professional men and women that the race has known. With the trend of public opinion once more toward the combined mental and manual training, and diversified education, the school adopted the dual system, and had day and evening classes for practical instruction, after the manner outlined by Richard Humphreys, the founder and benefactor, which, in the language of today, is aptly described as "an intelligent condition of hand and head studies" based upon the pressing demands of the race, and bearing in mind its peculiar conditions and environment. Upon the colored teacher more than upon any other, falls the burden of importing learning in all of its phases, and the inculcation of helpful precepts and practice for every form of daily activity. To do this as it should be done, and to teach teachers how to teach best, the revival on a broader plane of the Institute for Colored Youths at Cheyney has been brought about, and its advent is very properly a cause for rejoicing in every section of the land.

The reliable character of the school is evidenced by the influence and standing of distinguished educators who have consented to act as the advisory committee, and to whom the courses of study will be submitted for approval. They are: President D. C. Gilman, Carnegie Institution; President Isaac Sharpless, Haverford College; Principal Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute; Dean James A. Russel, Teacher's College, New York City; Prof. John Dewey, University of Chicago; Prof. John Swain, Swarthmore College. The managing board of friends, headed by Mr. George Vaux, is of like high character. Of the superior qualifications of the principal, Prof. Hugh M. Brown, we have spoken. He is endorsed in the most unequivocal terms by Dr Henry van Dyke, of Princeton, Dr. Booker T. Washington and others. The faculty for this work will be selected from the very best colored teachers of the country, whose exceptionally broad training and experience will be a guarantee of good results. The Cheyney school starts out under favoring skies, and will succeed, because of its merit and acknowledged necessity.

In the front rank of the young men who will assist Prof. Brown to make the Institute for Colored Youth what it should be is Mr. Alphonso O. Stafford, who is now at Cheyney, serving most capably as executive clerk. Mr. Stafford is a graduate of the Washington high school and of the law department of Howard University. He taught for several years in the District of Columbia with such signal ability that when Prof. Brown was detailed to re-organize the high and training school of Baltimore Mr. Stafford was called to the chair of history—classical, mediaeval and modern history. To prepare for the work at Cheney, to which he had been assigned by Prof. Brown because of his splendid record at Baltimore, Mr. Stafford took a year's leave of absence, spending the time at Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York City, as a special student in history, taking courses in the theory and practice of teaching history in the elementary grades (first eight) and theory and practice of teaching history in secondary or high schools. Mr. Stafford is industrious and painstaking, and is keenly alive to the best in the literary, artistic and economic developments of the times. He has written a practical treatese on history, and applied its philosophy most satisfactorily for several terms at the Hampton summer school. Possessing a pleasing address and a natural enthusiasm for the profession of teaching, coupled with moral and intellectual qualities of the most praiseworthy nature Mr. Stafford will, undoubtedly, prove a force in the constructive work at Cheney, and pave the way toward a brilliant future as an educator.

Before the scenes shift again from this quarter of the news arena the general conference of the Methodists will have gotten down to the great work that has called them together. They will all make volumnes of history for the ecclesiastical world, for the shaping of legislation affecting the interests of millions of communicants and influencing the whole trend of religious thought is a weighty and far reaching proposition. The world is coming to know that the temporal affairs of humanity are best ordered by the leavening spirit of the gospel, and that the church must nearly fulfill its true mission when it draws unto itself the agencies which make for business and industrial greatness. The business man is most successful who carries practical Christianity into his business, and the church is made prosperous and stronger spiritually by the substantial support of the people of means. The adoption of advanced ideas in theology by the church is necessary to hold the scholarship and enterprise of today, and more elevated forms of worship come with the growth of modern taste and culture. The economic side of religious development is not less a concern to these general conferences than the discussions of church polity, for pulpit and pew must find a basis for hearty co-operation, if good is to result. Along with the election of officers, the arrangement of financial systems and the assignment of districts, each of the four great arms of Methodism will take up the problem of how to bring consistent and uplifting forms of church worship more closely in touch with both the intelligent persons of means, from whom support is expected and within the reach of the poor and lowly who must be saved from themselves. The general questions agitating all of these bodies have been gone over pretty thoroughly in these columns, and for the next three weeks the reading public can scan the daily proceedings and see who is elected to the bishopric, what combinations have been made and broken, what candidates have drawn only consolation prizes, and who have been forced into the dismal ranks of the disappointed. All of the bodies are made up of able representatives of their respective churches, and if prejudices are abandoned, narrowness avoided and every issue faced as courageous Christians should face them the outposts of Methodism will be many leagues toward the goal for which Wesley strived and left to this deciples as a height to be attained only as they are deserved. To the hosts of the A. M. E., the A. M. E. Zion, the M. E. proper and the C. M. E. Churches, a grateful people say "God speed!"

REV. J. M. TOWNSEND,
Pastor Bethel A. M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The selection of Ex-Secretary Elihu Root as temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention is an admirable one. He will sound the keynote of the campaign as clearly as a bell for broad Americanism, universal progress and the rights of man. Equally happy is the choice of honest "Uncle Joe" Cannon to do the "heavy work" as permanent chairman. With the incisive New Yorker to go to the Root of the matter and the bluff Illinoisan to fire the national heart we may expect a rip-roaring time in Chicago about June 21. From all accounts the black man will lend some color to the scheme.

SHARPS AND FLATS.

The black laborer's interests lie in the establishment of the "open shop."

It is suggested that those who attend the World's Fair go to St. Louis with their money in a trunk. A grip will do for the necessary clothing.

At Chicago, there will be "something doing" every minute, from the time Bishop Turner calls the A. M. E. General Conference to order to the fall of the gavel on the final adjournment.

A Negro bishop in the M. E. Church, with a district comprising only congregations of his race ought to be as successful as the presiding elders who operate now under the separate authority plan.

The friends of Rev. W. H. Chambers, of Indianapolis, are hopeful that he will permit the use of his name in connection with the office of general steward of the A. M. E. Zion Church. If elected steward this year it will be Bishop Chambers in 1908.

The press dispatches announce that Carrie Nation is receiving $300 per week as a museum freak. This suggests the thought that Jay Albert Johnson's days of usefulness may not necessarily end with the abandonment of his great specialty of running for the bishopric.

The executive committee of the National Afro-American Council will meet in Chicago just before the Republican convention. It should decline to accept the recognition of the brilliant T. Thomas Fortune and tender him a cordial vote of confidence.

Over in Springfield, O, the authorities have actually had the nerve to ferret out and arrest a white ball player, who is supposed to have aided in the lynching of Richard Dixon. This is a shade better than they do in Mississippi There it is impossible to ever recognize any member of a mob.

The supporters of the "special African bishop" business have not been able to divest the movement of a suspicion that it is being engineered in the interest of a certain Baltimore preacher of British antecedents, who would not otherwise be able to get into the "also ran" column.

Bishop G. W. Clinton has just concluded a course of lectures to the students of the Phelps Hall Bible Training School at Tuskegee. He is one of the most popular members of Tuskegee's special faculty, and his annual visits are regarded as rare treats. He is now working like a Trojan to get the report of the publishing house ready for the coming conference.

The experiment in silk culture begun some time ago at Tuskegee Institute, under the direction of Prof. G. W. Carver, is being continued. An ounce of silk worm eggs came a short time ago from the United States Department of Agriculture, under whose general supervision the experiment is being conducted, and the worms are now hatching. The promoters are watching developments with great hopes of success.

Through the timely and generous assistance rendered by Dr. Booker T. Washington on the occasion of his recent lecture in Washington city, Dr. O. J. W. Scott reports that the treasury of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church is nearly $600 richer. Through the same, Dr. A. Carey, of Chicago, is about $800 ahead, the proceeds going toward the general conference fund. Can any of the "kickers" point to any two single acts on the part of any of their number which conferred such substantial benefits upon so many people?

Our lodges are showing a commendable disposition to do more than merely "take care of the sick and bury the dead," important as those functions doubtless are. They can buy tracts of land and help members to secure homes, and they can operate business enterprises to make money for the investors and furnish employment for worthy young people of the race. The problem of living is more pressing just now than that of dying.

Revs. W. H. Snowden, J. F. Moreland and F. K. Bird are willing to serve the Zion connection as business manager of the publishing house, made vacant by the death of Rev. J. M. Hill. Bishop Clinton, a veteran in this department, is ably filling the place until the general conference elects a successor. Rev. M R. Franklin is in a receptive mood for the general stewardship so the gossips say. Revs. G. L. Blackwell and R. A. Simmons, ditto.

R. W. THOMPSON.

Kellenian Literary Debates.

Columbia, Tenn., Special.—There was a literary entertainment and a debate given at Gholston's hall Friday night, April 22, by the Kellenian Literary Society of the Columbia public school. The program rendered was followed by a warm discussion of the opponent sides. The subject was "Resolved That There Should be an Educational Qualification of the Negro for Suffrage." The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative side. The proceeds were for the benefit of a chapel organ.—Miss Amelia Allen is reported better.—The funeral services of John Ward were held at St. Paul A M. E. Church last Wednesday, Rev. B. G. Gordon officiating. The remains were interred at Rose Hill cemetery.—The Y. M. C. A. rendered their monthly program at St. Paul A. M. E. Church last Sunday.—The Kellenian Athletic base ball club was defeated last Friday by the Columbia Giants; score 11 to 5.—The Columbia Giants will cross bats with Roger Williams base ball club of Nashville today. Roger Williams is an exceedingly strong team, so a good game is expected.—Rev. B. Gordon, who is a delegate to the general conference, which convenes in Chicago in May, left Tuesday for Chicago.

Chattanooga Items.

Chattanooga, Tenn., special.—Sunday services were very impressive religously. Services at the Second Baptist church 11:30 a. m. Rev. J. H. Johnson pastor, preached a fine sermon to his large congregation. Services at Warren A. M E church 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. M. Bolt, D D., pastor, in his usual most profound and logical way, treated his congregation to an eloquent sermon. Wedding bells chimed. Miss Susie Brogden, was married to Mr Frederick Clay. It was indeed quite a brilliant affair the bride was popular in St. Elmo, Tenn. The groom is quite an industrious young man also a popular one in the circle. The marriage took place at Mt. Paran Baptist church, Rev. J. G L Crippen pastor officiated. The ushers and brides maids were beautifully dressed The bride recieved many presents which were very beautiful and valuable The wedding "supper" was in all respect up-to-date, the bride entered her future home amid a host of friends greetings and congratulations of the groom, and were wished a continued future happiness.

Prominent in Business Affairs.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Adams & Reeves, merchant tailors. While in Louisville the grand old commonwealth of Kentucky, I was given the opportunity of looking their business over. I will say these two young men are making those strides to business achievements that will land them on the top round. They carry a complete line of woolens consisting of the latest novelties. They began business in the year of 1899 in one room at 318 Sixth street. They have now moved their store to 308 Sixth street south of Market where they are employing a number of men besides their own assistance, and are enjoying a comfortable business of which they are recognized by some of the best dressers of the city as one of the leading colored tailors. When you call you will be met with that congenial smile which is essential to their mark of appreciation.

NOTES FOR BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Great interest has been manifested in the Negro Business League movement, and a strong league has been formed by the people in Evansville, Ind., with Rev. W. H. Anderson as president. Rev. Anderson always is interested in anything for the advancement of the race, and I feel confident that the league will do much good with him interested in the work.

The nucleus of the reception committee for the meeting of the National Negro Business League met last Thursday evening. Mr. Willis Kersey, the energetic chairman of that committee, has already maped out plans and presented them to his committee. The committee has taken up the work with considerable enthusiasm.

The Next Meeting Place.

The next meeting of the National Negro Business League will occur in Indianapolis, Ind, Aug 31 and Sept 1 and 2 Those who expect to attend should correspond with Dr. S A. Furniss, 132 New York street, Indianapolis, or with Mr. Geo. L Knox, care of The Freeman, Indianapolis regarding boarding accommodations. Mr. Cyrus Field Adams, 934 S. street, N. W, Washington, D. C., is in charge of transportation, and it is especially requested that Mr Adams be notified of all plans for special coaches or special trains so that the matter of railroad rates and trains can be systematized through the assistance of Mr. Adams. 3 04 28 tf

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To the Colored People in the South.

The problem of providing proper school facilities for our children is of greatest importance to us as a race. The thinking people of New York and Massachusetts feel that a ten months school session is necessary to fit their children for life, and a generous public school system answers this demand. How much less can we afford to give our children? The object of this appeal is to force from colored fathers and mothers, from colored men and women who feel and think a prompt and effective answer to this vital question.

The great majority of our people must depend upon the public schools for all the education they will receive. Not more than one per cent of the colored children of school age will enter a private or an endowed school, and upon the public school rests the burden of educating the remaining ninety-nine per cent, if, indeed, they receive any education. It is evident that our progress in the industries, in business, in college and industrial school, as in morality and religion, will be based upon the foundation work done in the public schools. To fail here then, to neglect our youth in the most formative period of their lives, is to do them an irremediable harm. To speak more definitely, I find that after careful investigation the Negro children in the ex-slave states are in school on an average of 107 days in the year, and that only one-third of the children of school age are in school; that in North Carolina, for example, the average school term is only 68 days, and that only 22.5 per cent of the Negro children attend school at all. I find that in thirteen of the former slave states 90 per cent of the Negro children of school age did not attend any school for as much as six months during the year 1900, taking that year for an example.

It requires no argument then to prove that if these conditions control we shall continue to be classed as an ignorant, illiterate people. With these facts before us, the main question then is: "What shall be done?" The first answer is: "That we pay our taxes, and thereby aid the state in supporting the public schools." Because of their poverty, and, perhaps, in some cases, their indifference, the states are not supporting an effective school system for our people, especially in the smaller towns and rural districts. The system is but little better for white children outside of the larger cities. Mere fault-finding with public officials will not educate our children. In the present condition of the public schools I would urge, with all the earnestness I can summon, that our ministers, teachers, business men, leaders, parents and newspapers insist that our people shall:

1. Go before the public school authorities and ask for better school facilities.
2. See that all taxes, especially the poll taxes, which go directly, in most states, into the school fund are promptly paid.
3. Co-operate in every way possible with the public school officials, and raise money by private taxation or other methods to supplement the present school funds until the school terms are extended to at least eight months. Unless the child is not kept in school for at least seven or eight months in the year we cannot expect him to be educated. A three months school means practically no school.
4. In connection with the school term of proper length, erect a good, comfortable school house and properly furnish it. Some of the schools to be found in the rural districts are not fit for any child to spend a day in.

In conclusion I would repeat that in the present important period in our growth as a people immediate attention to the public schools is fundamental. If each community will do its full duty the whole race will be lifted and strengthened, and a general quickening will be evident everywhere.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

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THE WAITERS...

Chicago Honors Dr. Booker T. Washington.

The "Chicago Monitor," the leading colored paper of that city, gave a long and detailed account of the great reception given Dr. Washington in that city recently. Speaking of Dr Washington's speech and the banquet given in his honor the "Monitor" said, in part:

"He concluded amid great applause, after which all repaired to the lecture room of the church, where a luncheon was served by the 'Willing Workers,' an auxiliary of the church. The following committee had charge of the program: Theodore W. Jones, S. Laing Williams, Rev. A. J. Carey and Rev. A. L. Murray. After the luncheon Mr. Washington, his son, Booker T. Washington, Jr., and his private secretary, Emmett J. Scott, were in charge of local committees who escorted them to many places of interest in Chicago, and it was 9:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening when the party returned to the Waldorf, where Mr. Washington was the guest of honor at the banquet given by the Negro Business Men's League of Chicago. His presence in our city caused all differences of opinion to be laid aside, and all congregated around the festive board to one common end, to honor the president of Tuskegee. The menu was prepared by the well known restaurateur, Alexander Stephens, and consisted of the following:

Soup, Cream of Chicken,
Blue Points,
Radishes, Olives, Celery,
Planked White Fish.
Drawn Butter Sauce,
Filet of Beef, Mushroom Sauce.
Potatoes in Cream, Asparagus Tips,
Punch, Booker T. Washington,
Squab on Toast, Green Peas,
Salad, Waldorf Special,
Individual Ice Cream,
Assorted Cakes,
Roquefort Cheese, Black Coffee,
Fruit.

"The spacious dining room was recently beautifully painted and decorated by Chicago's well known decorator, Chisholm, and the tables were done in red and white. Promptly at 10 o'clock the large number of gentlemen who had assembled to honor Dr. Washington gathered around the festal board, were called to order by Attorney S. Laing Williams, secretary of the League, who delivered a short address and introduced Hon. T. W. Jones, who delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The banquet was served in courses with that ease and manner that occasioned praise from all present. The following gentlemen responded to toasts: Dr. George C. Hall, Alex. E Manning, R. M. Mitchell, A. H. Roberts, W. H. A. Moore and Rev. Moses H. Jackson. After which Dr. Booker T. Washington was presented amid great applause. At conclusion of his speech a rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Washington, as he was wished success. Mr. Washington left the next day for New York City, where he will spend two or three weeks. He expresses the greatest pleasure in his visit to our city and hopes to return soon.

"Among those present were Hon. T. T. Allain, Hon. F. L. Barnett, D. W. J. Boxley, J. C. Bings, Hon. J. C. Buckner, E. A. Breech, Ben B. Bagby, A. J. Butler, W. F. Cronor, Mr. Chisholm, W. H. Card, C. E. Dowseville, O. DePriest, Prof. W. E. Emanuel, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Flynn, B. F. Glaspy, J. Gordon, R. H. Hardin, A. C. Howard, Dr. George C. Hall, Mr. Hoyte, J. B. Hart, Mr. Hobson, W. T. Hoskins, Hon. T. W. Jones, R. W. Johnson, Rev. M. H. Jackson, Major R. R. Jackson, L. Jones, J. Love, A. Martin, J. H. Moody, editor Chicago Monitor, R. R. Montgomery, editor Wisconsin Advocate, A. E. Manning, editor Indianapolis World, Dr. M. A. Majors, R. E. Moore, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Miller, Mr. Moss, J. S. Morton, Hon. W. L. Martin, R. M. Mitchell, Beverly Motley, D. McGowan, Attorney B. F. Moseley. B. Meeks, W. H. Norris, D. V. G. Pumptney, A. P. Perry, Frank Ragland, D. R. Robinson, A. H. Roberts, C. H. Smiley, J. H. Smiley, T. M. Smith, A. Stephens, Mr. Sims, N. W. Thompson, S. B. Turner, W. Tives, S. W. Trice, Attorney S. L. Williams, D. R. Wilkins, J. Woods, E. Webb, Dr. H. Weir, Attorney S. T. Watkins, W. F. Wright, Robert Wheeler, Tom Alton, Mr. Bedford. The guests of honor were Dr. Booker T. Washington, Emmett J. Scott and Booker T. Washington, Jr.

E. S. Bruce of the Hotel Tacoma, Tacoma, Wash., would like to hear from John E. Glaze.

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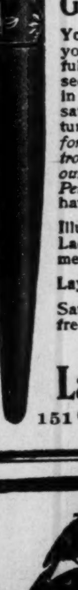

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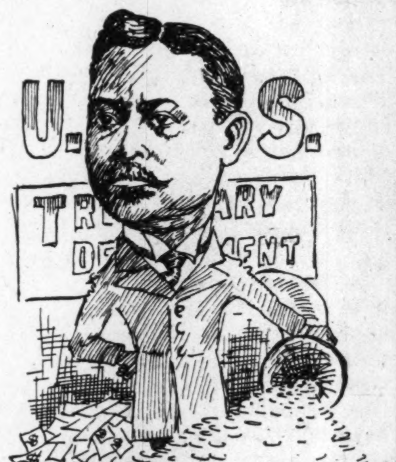
PENCILINGS.

By W. Milton Lewis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. Judson W. Lyons, register of the treasury at Washington, D. C., hails from the great state of Georgia, considered by some as the banner Negro state. I enjoy the acquaintance of Mr. Lyons, which begun in rather an amusing way. It was during the great meeting of the Afro-American League which was held in this city four years ago, and right amid the most stirring political times. Word had been sent down the line, "on to Indianapolis," and they came as thick as berries on the famed juniper tree. As secretary of the committee that put on the "act" I had to be very "officious." In strolling around the circle, the scene of our great monument, I met a tall, somewhat heavy, well dressed colored man. Physically, he was a fine specimen of any race's man. Now it's not my bent to be officious but my office dictated terms. I approached the stranger, who was intently gazing on our marvel of stone and bronze. I had heard how some of the home Democrats, during the Kansas City convention which had not been long over, wore badges, saying: "I live here, ask me;" intended, of course, for the proper directing of strangers. With a higher degree of nerve pressure than I generally carry, I said: "I wear no badge as they did in Kansas city, saying 'I live here, ask me,' but I live here and you may ask me." It took. He burst out into a little laugh, one of those little laughs of appreciation that sets one at ease; such as politicians have. I told him that I was a committee of



JUDSON W LYONS.

one for steering in strangers. I then asked who he might be. Says he, "my name is Lyons." His sense of the proprieties forbade more. "What," says I, "are you Lyons, register of the treasury at Washington?" "That's what they say," he replied. "My God! what have I run upon?" I said to myself. My catch was entirely too big for me. But I acted as sensibly as I knew how, and commenced walking and he walked with me. I think I talked about the weather, etc. It was not long before we met Mr. George L. Knox; I lost no time in telling him of my prize. Knox acted like a school boy. "Hello Lyons!" "And, is this Lyons?" "Well! well! dowdye do?" "Lyons! well I declare!" "Howdye do! howdye do!"

Mr. Lyons was scarcely less profuse in his attentions than Mr. Knox; he had to be equal to the occasion, and so it was, "and this is Knox, and yet I might have known it from your picture," etc. O, it was a scene long to be remembered.

When 'twas all done all agreed to retire to an atmosphere that would have the tendency to promote better cheer and fellowship.

Mr. Lyons was found to be one of the most sociable men attending the convention. He was enjoying a distinction that is seldom allotted colored men. The name of one man alone besides his has appeared on the paper of the government.

As it concerns this city I claim the distinction of discovering Hon. Judson W. Lyons, our most distinguished politician. He has acknowledged my claims and he tells of the meeting also, I am informed.

Wise Men's Annual Sermon.

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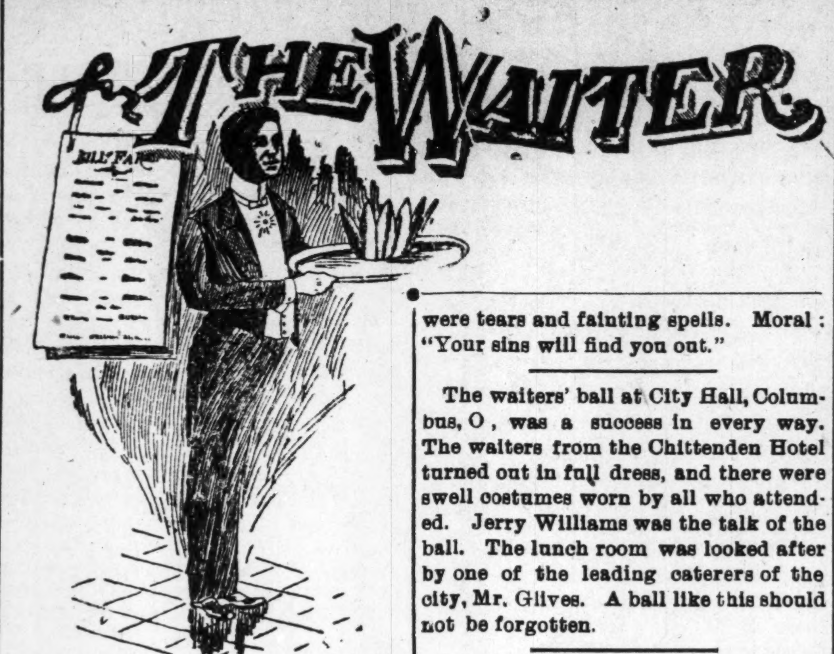

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W. FORREST COZART.

E. W. Harper, national vice-president of the Head and Sidewaiters Benefit Association, has returned from Florida and is now at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., recruiting his summer crew for the Inter-National Cataract Hotel, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Mr. Harper may be addressed at 111 West 27th street, New York City.

The sixth annual convention of the Head, Second and Sidewaiters National Benefit Association will be held in Atlantic City, N. J., June 8–11, or thereabout. The convention was to have gone to Baltimore, but owing to the great fire Baltimore was compelled to forego the pleasure of entertaining the convention. As a result Atlantic City was again selected.

Walter Williams, headwaiter at the Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, according to newspaper reports, was given quite a surprise recently. It seems that Mr. Williams left Mrs. Williams No. 1 in Cleveland, O., and went to Philadelphia, where Mrs. Williams No. 2 was "it" until No. 1 arrived, and then there were tears and fainting spells. Moral: "Your sins will find you out."

The waiters' ball at City Hall, Columbus, O, was a success in every way. The waiters from the Chittenden Hotel turned out in full dress, and there were swell costumes worn by all who attended. Jerry Williams was the talk of the ball. The lunch room was looked after by one of the leading caterers of the city, Mr. Glives. A ball like this should not be forgotten.

One sure sign that the colored waiter, and especially the colored headwaiter, is rapidly losing out in the Western hotels is that one rarely, nowadays, read of any colored head or sidewaiter in such hotel publications as the "Hotel World" of Chicago. A few years ago two-thirds of the "Office, Kitchen and Dining Room" column was about colored hotel employes. Yes, sir, we are rapidly losing ground.

The Windermere Hotel, of which Mr. F. C. Long is the affable headwaiter is now the mecca for colored waiters in Chicago. All the other "good things" that were held by the colored head and sidewaiters has been lost through strikes which always arouse race hatred. Strikes may be of some benefit to white waiters, but they are very injurious to colored waiters and should be avoided The Windermere Hotel employs a head, second and third waiter and a captain and twenty-five side men to an average of one hundred and twenty guests. The editor knows whereof he speaks when he says that Mr. Long has done much to save Chicago for the colored waiters.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact, however, Mr. F. C. Long, headwaiter at the Windermere Hotel, Chicago, is one of the founders of the Headwaiters Association. Indeed it was Mr. Long who first sounded the keynote which eventually rounded into the forming of the association. While headwaiter at the Millard Hotel at Omaha, Neb, in 1897, Mr. Long wrote an article for the Hotel World at Chicago in which he said in part: "The chief weakness among headwaiters of to-day is that they know too little of each other. There is no fraternity among them; their knowledge is not imported from one to another, as is the case with the stewards and chefs. The closest of fraternal relation exist between these, and they enjoy the advantage of a periodical interchange of ideas. Every headwaiter will agree that the spirit of fraternity should be more largely fostered, and an opportunity thereby given for a comparison of ideas. Each one, then being alert for new methods, could import them to their less fortunate brothers, and the best system, rules and regulations could be discussed, thus insuring a larger measure of success for every one so engaged. The question of a stronger fraternity is worthy the serious consideration of headwaiters. They should weld themselves into a bond of mutual union and work with hands, head and heart to ennoble their calling so that in the closing years of the nineteenth century the headwaiter will be abreast of the times."

It may suit the fancy of a certain class of waiters to say and write hard things about Mr. John B. Goins, but Mr. Goins has done more for the colored waiter than his antagonists can do him harm. We herewith reproduce one of the many articles written years ago for the "Hotel World" by him, appealing to hotel proprietors in behalf of the colored waiters.

COAT ROOM AND LAVATORY.

There is one important subject which should be brought to the attention of manager, steward and proprietor. In our large city hotels waiters are compelled to travel from two to six miles in order to reach the hotel where employed. When leaving the cars he must walk from one to four blocks. Nearly every hotel has a coat room for the waiters, and that is all they do have. You can visit some of the coat rooms and you will find rubbish of every description—old shoes, jackets, pants and all kinds of cast-off clothing. The waiter is employed to do waiting, and he is turned loose in this coat room as a horse into a battlefield. He has traveled six miles to reach his work through dust, mud and smoke, according to the weather. His shoes are dirty; his hands and face dusty and his hair needs dressing. Where is he to make himself presentable? Towels, soap, shoe-brush, comb, whisk-broom, wash-stand or looking glass are never found in the waiter's coat room in the majority of hotels. The waiter is forced through these conditions to put on his jacket and enter the dining room just as he comes from the car. The perspiration and dust have dried on his face and he feels as if he had swallowed a box of tacks. He does not care whether he works or not and he is as ferocious as a bear. In every department in the hotel where servants are employed or sleeping quarters furnished there is a servant in attendance to keep such quarters clean and in sanitary condition, but the waiter, who should be classed as a valuable servant, is the least thought of.

HOTEL NECESSITIES.

Every hotel should have a coat and wash room and a man to take care of it. Wash-basins should be plentiful; not one basin for forty men, not a stationary wash tub to turn the water on to run while he washes to splash up his shirt, but a properly constructed wash room, with stop basins, roller towels (five for twenty men), shoe brush, whisk broom, combs and brushes. I would suggest, in order that this long felt want be remedied and the appearance of waiters improved, that the proprietor or manager should employ a man or boy at a very small salary to look after the waiters' coat and wash room, and keep towels, brushes, etc. I venture to say that each waiter would pay the same man twenty-five cents per month to keep his shoes polished three times a day. This same man could make a few dollars by keeping the waiter's jackets sponged up and presstd. If such a condition of things could be inaugurated waiters would never wear their street clothes in the dining room, for they would feel safe to change their clothes. By so doing dining room uniforms could be hung out in the air to freshen up instead of being put in a locker ten inches square, and when taken out are sure to have that "foreign smell." If the above ideas were carried out every waiter could enter the dining room looking as fresh as a cherub.

The recent articles contributed by John B. Goins, in which he has declared that "there are no first-class, artistic waiters in Indianapolis," have caused much comment from hotel men all over the country. That Mr. Goins has taken high ground all agree, but, standing there, he reiterates his declaration concerning dining room artists.

Indianapolis is the old home of the Bates House, the hostelry whose reputation reached beyond the Atlantic, a house whose American plan dining room was considered to be a criterian for all the world. To have given service, or to have been a guest at "The Bates" was a pass-port to favors.

When these facts are considered one is not surprised that exceptions are taken to Mr. Goins' views. That there have been first-class, artistic waiters here none can deny. But the question is: "Where are they now?" Why do they not openly and boldly challenge these allegations and compel the burden of proof to rest upon Goins.

"A Subscriber" answered Mr. Goins in a well-worded article April 2. Mr. Goins says that he is not quarreling; insists that he does not mean to "knock" on the colored waiter, and he cannot afford to, for, without their support, he cannot sustain his reputation. To prove his really friendly attitude he called a meeting last Wednesday night, April 13th at the Y. M. C. A. parlors to talk matters over—a very good idea, under the circumstances. John Stewart, of "Bates House" fame, now headwaiter of the Claypool; Joseph C. Knox, of the Hotel English; and James W. Gibbs, of the Grand; were the headlines expected, but they did not appear. This, of course, gave Mr. Goins an opportunity to hold his ground more stubbornly than ever. Many "side-men", however, responed to the call.

After brief address of welcome by Sandford Yopp, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., followed by quite a lengthy discourse by George L. Knox, in which he emphasized race unity. The Chairman, Marshall Drye, called for the speakers in their turn. A paper: "Learn to be a Waiter," was read from W. T. Gibbs, chef at the Imperial. Frank Duerson spoke of the "Necessity of Travel" and Mr. Harrison said a word about service. The most interesting talks were made by H. C. Willis, on the "Traveling Headwaiter;" Mr. Cook, "The Average Negro Waiter's Worth;" and L. R. Mitchell, on the "Young Man." Mr. Willis' talk seemed to be an apology for the itinerant waiter, who often happens to be financially embarrassed. Mr. Cook, however, was of a different, opinion holding that a headwaiter must, at times, be a hero to come to the call of some side-men seeking positions entirely unprepared. In fact Mr. Cook was almost eloquent. He seemed to be a scholar of the Goins school. Mr. Mitchell's address was of the highest order He advocated unity, purity of morals and equality and justice to all members of the fraternity. In conclusion, we desire to say that the meeting was productive of much good. We hope that all may see that this is the time for harmony; that colored men who are heads of departments in any particular line of work should be closer together. If there are no first-class, artistic waiters let some one set about to train a few. If this declaration is groundless, let some one make a bold stand for the other side. OLIVER PURPLE TOP.

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NOTICE.

We desire to say that Grant S. Neal formerly connected with The Freeman as solicitor, is no longer serving in that capacity. Obligations contracted by him will not be honored by us.

AFRICAN SHIP COMPANY.

Bishops Derrick and Walters are among a number of prominent colored citizens of New York who contemplate establishing a line of steamships to ply between the west coast of Africa and the United States. The scheme is gigantic and unusual but the promoters insist that the financial prospects are good. They will have nothing to do with the proposition looking forward to the repatriation of Africa, holding that the idea is visionary and impracticable. The proposed steamship line will be organized to do a commercial business according to the statement given out and not as a means for peopling Africa with American Negroes.

However, the connection of Bishop Derrick with the enterprise, who so lately espoused the cause of Bishop Turner, the avowed African emigrationist, lends color to the supposition that the promoters of the ship line project have a method in their movement. It will be remembered how, not long since, Bishop Derrick thundered invectives against the country because it fails, as he says, to accord Negroes consideration due. Has the bishop changed his mind? According to the following seen in the Afro-American of Baltimore he certainly has:

"These bishops believe that the sentiment of the great body of American Negroes have determined to sit tight under the stars and stripes and work out their destiny on the soil where they and their fathers were born as best they may instead of packing themselves off to the land of their forefathers many generations removed."

The foregoing is totally opposed to Bishop Derrick's views as expressed publicly a few weeks ago, yet it is just about the doctrine to preach on that question. The Negroes of America do not now, nor ever did entertain notions looking forward to Africa as their future home, and in view of that fact it certainly becomes them to be endeavoring to come to some suited policy as the rule of conduct along all lines and as much in consonance with the people around about as possible.

The masses will need race legislation as much as State or National legislation; legislation on the race by the race if even fair existence in this country for the future is to be expected. Each day the sun escapes the eastern horizon it finds the whites of the country that day nearer a unanimous conclusion as to what manner of conduct they will exhibit the Negroes. It will not be said that the tendency of the sentiment is in the Negroes' favor as they construe things in their favor. Much of the opposition is set and unreasonably set, but very much has good and sufficient basis which the colored people are too slow to recognize. Things count that are too often considered insignificant, and which are considered privileges, and which, of course, is true, but they are expensive privileges. We, the colored people, in our prayers for justice in the country forget very much often about those very things that make such prayers necessary—the things on which the whites have their glasses trained.

THE POPE SPEAKS A WORD.

This week the Associated Press gives out the following:

"Replying to an appeal from the Western Negro Press Association for the Holy See's good offices in securing better treatment for Afro-Americans, the Pope has written, through Cardinal Merry del Val, his secretary of state, to Editor Nick Chiles of the Topeka Plaindealer, a Negro organ, expressing his pleasure at the opportunity to do anything in his power for the colored race.

"While frankly admitting that crime may often be committed by members of the Negro race," says the cardinal, "his holiness advocates for them the justice granted other men by the laws of the land and a treatment in keeping with the tenets of Christianity.

"I am confident that these sentiments are held by the vast majority of the American people, and by those responsible for the custody of the principles underlying the American constitution."

The present Pope has all along shown a spirit of appreciation for the Negroes of the United States. It is true that the Catholic church has thousands of Negro communicants, and it may be held that their preservation dictates the policy. But it appears that the recent Popes, especially the three latter, Pius IX, Leo XIII and Pius X, have used their good offices in trying to find solutions for the vexed problems of the nations of the world. Pope Leo made a vast impression on civilization by his large views on the social disturbances and the labor movements which were more notable in his day.

The Pope by inference does not undertake to fathom the race "quarrel," but simply asks in the name of Christ "a treatment in keeping with the tenets of Christianity." He asks what the Negroes ask, that they be accorded trials for crimes and not men's notion as such. The Negroes ask for punishment when merited, but not at the hands of promiscuous individuals who manifest race hatred by cowardly assassination. The Negroes in America ask for punishment when proven guilty at the hands of regularly organized tribunals and not rump courts of officious individuals who feel that after them there are no others.

It will not be denied that the colored people do not as yet walk on the lines as laid down by high civilization. The few that do are the exceptions; the great majority has yet to learn those nicer ways that are compatible with the days in which they live. But in their state of mediocre civilization they are safe as citizens; do not menace the public peace by outlawry and those forms of deviltry known and practiced by the lowly of many races. They may sin morally, and they are not alone, and they may sin excessively, but in that they feel the laws' swift execution, making mobs totally useless as engines of justice.

MAKE IT BISHOP TOWNSEND.

The A. M. E. General Conference, which meets in Chicago next week, will be as usual a representative body of men. In some sense it will stand as the flowering of Negro manhood in America. The church has grown to vast proportions, but no more nor greater than the body of progressive men that pilots its way.

Of the many questions coming before the august body that of the bishopric will be given serious attention. The feeling against increasing the bench of bishops is strong at this time and not without some show of reason, but it has been pointed out that three or four of the present membership are nearly incapacitated from age and general debility. Church men have pointed out men who are intimately acquainted and know what they are talking about. They insist that four years is a long period in which to keep the bench intact.

Indiana and the West sends to the door of the conference the distinguished churchman, Rev. Dr. James M. Townsend, who long since has proven his efficiency and availability. Dr. Townsend, recognized by all as pre-eminently flawless as to character, standing for all of those things that build up spiritual kingdoms among men and make for the church that confidence which it must have if it is to be recruited from mortal men. As we view it the A. M. E church is no less than spiritually obligated to the sainted Townsend who has a right to believe that the race is not always to the swiftest one. Will the church pay the obligation? Will it make the restitution? Or will it continue to defeat one of the most God-like ones of it with a determination that seems studious and revengeful?

The A. M. E. Conference will not suddenly grow parsinonious and penurious, it is to be hoped; it will not grow spiteful because justice is implored, it is to be hoped, until rewards are equally distributed. If not in the church, where shall we turn for justice and requitement? The generation of the present day cuckoers will want to know what of this prince of the church? Why is he delinquent of the honors and distinctions time and faithful services allotted every man? Must he wait four more years because of the silly babel of money when a greater principle than money can ever be is being stifled to death?

Men of the A. M. E. church, remember who you are, the representative priesthood of the Negroes in America by reputation as typified in progressiveness and accomplishments. Is it less so in issuing out those rewards and merits due those of its own ranks the other sign of progression and the incentive to effort and virtue? If the church has been irregular in promotions it can, even at this late day, prove that it has a desire to correct the abuses.

J. Frank Hanly, of Lafayette, was nominated by the State Convention of Republicans for governor of the State of Indiana last Wednesday on the first ballot, amid the wildest enthusiasm. Wm L. Taylor was greatly supported by Marion county and throughout the state, but the politician with a memory felt that something was due Mr. Hanly for his magnificent race for the senatorship six years ago. Beyond this Marion county has the two senators, the greatest gift of the state. It did not take much to convince the average delegate that Marion county was sufficiently blessed. From the enthusiasm noted and the cordial support tendered by the defeated candidates a more fitting candidate could not have been selected.

Mr. Hanly's strength is his personality. He appears a plain, unadorned man, but rich in the contact. His conversational tones are contagious, his hand grasp is a study, his bearing as one who abided his time.

The first State Convention of Colored Women was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A number of delegates attended. Among whom was Mrs. Sarah E. Chavis of Marion, who responded to the address of welcome by Mrs. Lillian T. Fox of this city. The organization is for the uplift of the colored women. It adopted as its motto, "Seeking the Heights." Mrs. May Wright Sewell, the well-known lecturer and educator, addressed the women, which was followed by a discussion of the possibilities of women's clubs.

Walk! Walk! is the unanimous verdict of the colored press of Richmond, Va. It is a shame that such a city as Richmond should find it necessary to introduce 'jim crow" street cars. That city has thousands of refined colored people that should not feel that they are subjected to laws that reflect on them as citizens. If the colored people are determined to walk as they declare the street car companies may be compelled to sue for peace.

The Boston Guardian simply must kick; it insists that Booker T. Washington waited "forever" before he condemned lynching and it seems to be mad because he has done so at all. The fact of it is, lynching has always been mentioned by Mr. Washington with more or less emphasis. He has always spoke of its effects on either race—"don't you remember" or are you conveniently absent minded?

Impression was obtained sometime ago that Dr. W. D. Crum's nomination had been confirmed by the Senate. It seems to have been a grapevine dispatch. Is the case to serve as a scare crow to frighten off future applicants? And are we up against the "real thing?" What's the hitch?

Warren C. Coleman, who recently died at Concord, N. C., established the first cotton factory in the country controlled by Negroes. He was formerly a student at Howard University, Washington, D. C. At one time he owned one hundred unincumbered houses.

Emmett Steward, colored, was shot and killed while attempting to rob the True Reformers' bank at Richmond, Va., Sunday morning, April 1fith. He was buried by the True Reformers—the irony of fate.

The colored business men of Atlanta, Ga., are making great preparations for the national meeting, which will take place in August in this city.

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Owing to developments in the present war it is said that the big war vessels may be a thing of the past. It has reference to Russia's big war vessels.

Massachusetts has brought out Olney for President on the Democratic ticket Mr. Olney is an excellent Democrat; he would make betting good.

The Russians are kept busy changing officers. Kuropatkin will now assume the total responsibility of the Russian operations.

All colored, Richmond, Va., is walking rather than patronize the 'jim crow" street cars. Can the companies stand it?

The Czar will not hear any peace plans until he succeeds in laying out the Japs one time at least.

STAGE NOTES AND LITERATURE.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Shepard Edmonds, the excellent young rag-time song writer, seems to have faded from public view since his retirement from the Stern Music Company. Mr. Edmonds is a very worthy composer, and we hope to see him to the front again. Whatever the differences are between a young composer and a song publisher the publisher has all the best of the dispute. Young song writers must remember that a growing reputation does not count. The reputation must be of long standing and this must be backed up by a bank account that can support the value of reputation well enough to keep on top. Money is the only thing that counts in professional business in these days. People who have ability to attain must suffer many things to succeed.

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Europe has again been aroused by the latest musical achievements of S. Coleridge Taylor. He has been dined and feted by English nobility and asked to direct the vocal and orchestral works of the great English festivals. On Ash Wednesday he achieved the distinction of having his oratorio "The Atonement." sung by the Royal Charol Society in Albert Hall, London. The newspapers place him in a class headed by Bach, and his compositions are spoken of by the English press as thorough in vocal character. The greatest exageration added to Mr. Taylor's history is that the music of his Hiawatha—not the little American song—was taken from the Ojibway Indians. This can never be credited by persons who know anything about Indian music—mere tones without variety, very like a tamborine. It is also extravagant for newspapers to state that he traces his ancestry back to the Ojibway tribe, but a pronounced Negro in appearance. His ability as a musician, let me tell the world, does not come as much from his Ojibway inheritance as it does from his very curly hair. The attitude of disqualifying the Negro race whenever a genius is discovered is a cheap slander from cheap newspaper men, especially when we consider that the majority of Negroes are more white and Indian blood than African, and they grow whiter every day. If Mr. Taylor is wise he will give way in the future and say that he is a Negro. He will then do himself credit for a man who inherits his talent from the most musical race in existance.

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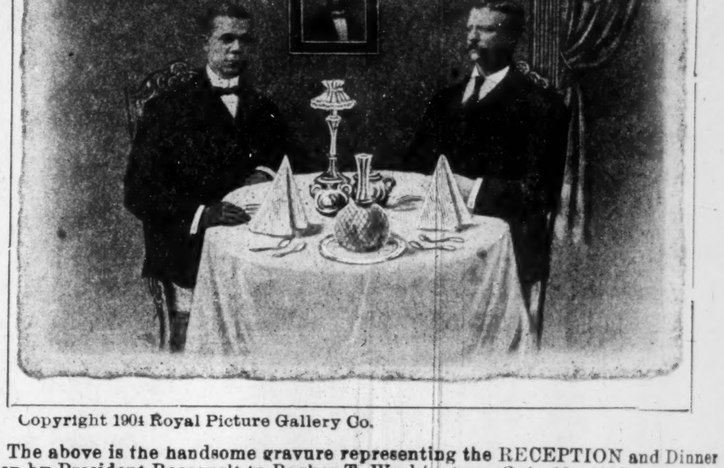

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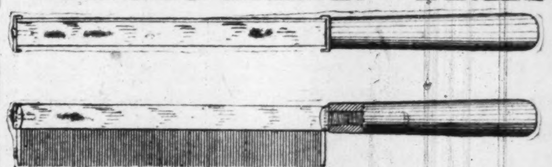

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DIVORCE LEGALS.

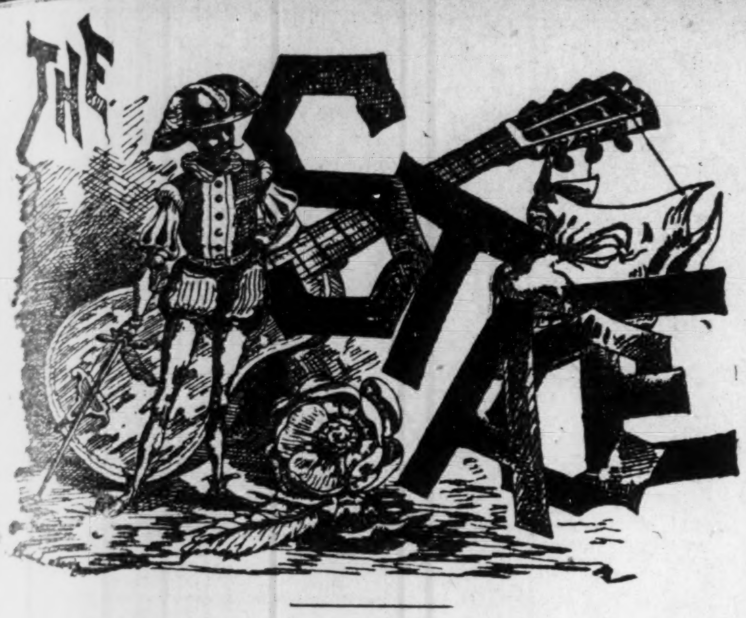
Thomas T. Carter vs Minnie C. Carter | State of Indiana, Marion Co., ss: in the Circuit Court of Marion county In the State of Indiana. No. 13241 Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 21 day of April 1904 the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, complaint against the above named defendant Minnie C. Carter and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that said defendant Minnie C. Carter is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 23rd day of June, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against her and that unless she appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 23rd day of June 1904, the same being the 16th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in June 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in her absence.

WM. E. DAVIS, Clerk

A. H. DICKEY, Attorney for Plaintiff, 44 N. Delaware Street.



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BILLY KERSANDS' Big Colored Minstrels.—Leavenworth, Kan., May 1; Lawrence, 2; Topeka, 3; Atchison, 4; St Joe, Mo., 5, 6, 7.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS, (Voelckel & Nolan) Washington, D. C., Empire Theatre, May 2 to 7.

A RABBIT'S FOOT CO.—Martinsville, Va., May 2; Roanoke, 3; Bedford 4; Lynchburg, 5; Charlottsville, 6; Culpeper, 7.

MALLORY BROS. & BROOKS (Fenberg Stock, Co.)—Trenton, N. J., week of May 2.

Henry McDade would like to hear from A G. Allen's Minstrel.

Fred Simpson, has closed with the Georgia minstrels and is now at home in Indianapolis.

Bailey and Spiller are getting their share of the long green, and send regards to all friends.

Billy Windom in his act, "The Nurse Girl," was a big favorite at the Grand Opera house Indianapolis, last week.

Prof Tobe Brown wants to hear from Tomas Lewis late of Richard and Pringles Minstrels. Address 437 W. Green street Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Virginia Green one of Chicago's leading soprano singers was called very suddenly to Denver, Colo., to the bedside of her sister Mrs Duncan, who is there for her health.

Do not forget that Louis Love has full charge of the professional work of Chicago, and can supply all managers and proprietors, with all classes of talent. His address is 2702.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the second annual ball to be given by the Eureka club of Chicago May 2. Charles Gaskin formerly of Indianapolis is president.

Hi Jerry Barnes our droll comedian is making a great hit throughout the West He is a great favorite in the Black Hills. He sends his best regards to Billy Kersands and Charlie McClerman.

Toliver and Crosby the young musical artists struck the key note when they produced their latest—"Honey, I Love You" The song is rare as well as catchy and promises to become a great favorite.

Sylvester Russell writes from Presque Isle:—The death of James L. Love, was no doubt, a great blow to all our actors both in America and Europe Mr. Love will be remembered by performers as the 'Golden Angel of the West." His worth as a friend and father, although quite a young man, caused him to be widely known as "Daddy" Love. His value and loss will be felt more than any actors death since the final exit of Fred J. Piper.

The professional friends of Mitchell Chappelle will be pleased to learn that he has opened a first class Cafe' and pool room in Tampa, Fla. He sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession and says write.

David & Carrie Brinkley write:—We have had great success in and around New York since our return from the West and are now getting ready for our big summer show. The Creole Bells Co., carries 15 people. The show is booked solid for the summer and will play all first-class Parks through the East. People who have signed are Smith & LaRose, the 3 Littles. Samuel Baker, bass singer; Mrs. L Hall, Prima Donna, Louise Levine and Ella Bevine, Embrew Davis, Tod Peterson Regards to Clemo Harris, Charles Boojia and all friends.

S. H. Dudley the Lone Star comedian and authur who successfully stared the Richards and Pringles famous Georgia minstrels this season is in Chicago now spending a few weeks, and is busy trying to get a suprise for the coming season he reports that he left the show doing well and he only came home a the show was going to stay out all the summer and he is now booking people for next season. Mr. Dudley will go to New York some time next week, where he expects to spend a pleasant time with Tom Brown his old pardner n business, and other friends who she has not seen since he become a western star.

A grand benefit, and testimonal will be given at the Metropole Hall. Chicago, Ill., May 16th, in behalf of the widow of our departed citizen and friend, James L. Love Mr Fred Carey, who was a personal friend of Daddy for years is the promoter, and manager, of this grand affair. We hope that whatever assistance is required to make this a success, that all will endeavor to do their share Mr. Carey does not do this, because he thinks Mrs Love is penniless, but because the profession owes it as a duty and honor, to that grond and noble character, who was the father of all their successes to-day Now let every on rally to assist Mr. Carey in his undertaking. He can be found at 2700 State street.

Clarence Bennett, a talented young actor of the romantic school comes to the Park next Monday, in an elaborate production, "A Royal Slave" It depicts life among the high and low of old Mexico, Mr. Bennett impersonating the slave, who traces his blood back to Montizuma, the King of the Aztecs. The production is said to glow in scenic splendor, showing the beautiful valley of Mexico, the Sierre Madre Mountains and a peon church.

The bill for the last half of the week is "Kidnapped in New York," its action being based upon the sensational kidnapping of baby Marion Clark. Several characters who figured in that episode are impersonated by a competent company. These two plays close the regular season at the Park and they will be followed by the Holden Stock Company, which will revive a number of pretentious plays until June 4, when the Park will close its year.

John W. Dennis writes from the Gem Theatre, Fernandina, Fla, and reports everything in good shape. Miss Tenia Gilliam is featuring "My Honolulu Girl" with credit. Mr. Dnnis is creating a great comment singing, "Eat Drink and be Merry." Miss Nettie Borden is making good singing. "I'm Wearing My Heart Away for You" Mr. Richard Cross is telling the people "You have got to be an actor if you want to stand in." Father Kinnie is singing "When the Stars are Shinimg Bright." Miss Tenia Gilliam and Miss Nettie Borden send regards to Fred W. Johnson, Tom Logan and Mr. Richard Cross Father Kinney and Dennis Mitchell send regards to Tom Logan and say write. Father Kinney says "howdy" to Dorsey and Dorsey. The Patons are here at the Dominox Theatre. Miss Estella Jones sends regards to friends in and out of the profession.

Notes from Bradford & Sims two act comedy "Way Down South"—Owing to the delay of our paper we were compelled to post-pone our opening until May 9th. Miss Grace Williams sends regards to Frank Iman, Batie and Simmons and Sam Davis. We showed Athens last week. Grace Williams was called back six times. We have with us one of the best contralto singers of her race, Idella Redmond. Bradford is cleaning up singing "Just Barely Living That's all" while Sims brings the house down in his latest sensation "Dis Atmosphere is Gettin Mighty Cool," Bradford sends regards to Kid Wade, Charles Beechum, Simmons and Bates, Henry McDade, William and Stevens, and A. G. Allen's minstrels and says keep your eyes opened, Sam Cook.

Notes from a Rabbit's Foot Comedy Co—We have been open for four weeks and our business has never been so good before in our existence. Our street parade is topping the climax as the general talk daily is that we have the best parade that has ever been in the cities in which we play. This is said by public and press. Mr. Chappelle daclares that he intends making a Rabbit's Foot Company the leading Negro show of America which deserves that place as it is the only genuine Negro show in existence to day that is managed by Negroes from head to foot and no one can find any defect with the management, or the show. The company is now booked to appear at the Empire Theatre, Washington, D. C., for one week commencing May 9th, and the next week at Baltimore, Md., for one week and these dates Mr. Chappelle did not solicit for at all as the popularity of the only Negro show with a plot caused the managers of the above named houses to offer us the dates. We are now carrying three cars and will cover 15 states also the District of Columbia and will winter in Jacksonville, Fla, on Feb. 1 1905. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Notes from the famous Billy Kersands Minstrel Co.—Everyone here is in fine condition having had a splendid winter and are now enjoying the beautiful breeze of off the Kansas fields and lawns which, is within itself perfect health, the show is doing fine notwithstanding the rainy weather we have met with out here. We are preparing for a close by the last of May or 1st of June and are anticipating an early opening, everything here is running as smoothly as our large family, most all the boys have been taken to their own homes, and those who have not been so lucky, gave their wives a treat by having them pay our show a visit viz: Mrs. Craig and daughter, met our show in St. Louis and claims to have enjoyed their trip hugely, also Mrs. G. W. Housely made St. Louis with us, and Mrs. Angie Cooper who has had the exquisite pleasure of visiting our show three times this season. Mrs. H. S. Hooten and Mrs. G. W. Housely have also visited our show three times this season and all seem loathe to leave us and could it be possible each of the visitors would gladly spend an entire season with the Billy Kersands, so cordially and home like are they treated throughout the entire company, as well as the many other good citizens they chance to meet. Regards to all.

Notes from A Rabbit's Foot Comedy Co.—We are now in Tennessee and are striking hard. We played Knoxville on the 18th, Mattinee and night and took the city by storm. The tent was so thickly crowded that it was impossible for one to go from the stage to the door unless they went out under the canvass and went around on the out-side. We are now in Johnston City, Tenn., and the snow is falling fast. "Happy Howe" the people's favorite comedian is still in the lead and sends regards to Tom Logan, Will Goff Kennedy and Clifford D. Brooks also all friends in and out of the profession. Kid Louis A. Clay of Columbia, S. C., the well-known snare drummer sends regards to James Means, Cliff Brooks and all friends in and out of the profession. Our drum corps creates quite a sensation in the streets. Wm Thomas sends regards to the Housley Bros., Cook and Jones and the Morton Bros. He says. "I am very glad to know that L. Cooper is now satisfield for life I would like to hear from the Alabama Quartette." Miss Laura S Logan says she would like to hear from Ida Forcen. John Hopkins sends regards to Willie Lewis. He says "Oh where is that trunk key." The ladies are still riding in high traps though snow caught us in Tennessee. Hello! John McFadden, Seyens and Gaton.

P. B. R. Hendrix's Chicago, Ill.—Caldwell and Thomas, are working together again. Mr. Thomas who was away for his health, comes back, greatly improved. They have a new sketch that they are doing, and are making an immense hit. Mr. Louis Love, of New York City, who was called here by the sudden death of his brother, James L. Love, has decided to remain for an unlimited time, and will continue to run the booking agency. We are glad to have him with us, and only hope he will be able to establish a greater agency here in the West, than there is in the East. There is a good quartette here this week with Al Martin's uncle Tom's Cabin. Joseph Catlin has assumed the management of the shop, and is assisted by Mr. Jake Wonders, formerly of this city, and Mr. Charles Williams of St Louis Mo., Mrs. Love is proprietess, Charles Pass Arnold is entertainer at Snowdens' place. Send regards to all friends. Irving Jones and wife, Wise and Milton are the drawing cards of the Haymarket this week. They are receiving scores of encores at each performance. They send regards to their many friends. Anderson and Briggs, a clever team are filling an engagement at the Olympic. Williams and Stevens, received your letters, but have been confined to my home, until a week ago. Daddy attended to that matter for you, but was unable to get the information to locate it for you. Will write you in a few days. Gradually the boys are coming home, but they will all miss their Daddy. Prof. Frank Clermont, the eminent cornet soloist, instructor, composer and arranger, has all he can attend to at present. He is undoubtedly the peer of all band leaders. He will be out for the summer. Wherever his band is heard, the press comments are equally as good as Sousa, Creatre, or Theodore Thomas recieves. As all nationalities are being represented in America, and foreign lands, we do not know of any man who will lead the Afro-American to fame and success, than Prof Frank Clerment Don't get discouraged Frank, keep on climbing the giddy ladder of fame. Our friend Daddy is no more. Write me, and I will answer, for I am too late for your last date. Address me at 4760 Dearborn street. Although Daddy has left us, the professional headquarters will remain the same. Mrs. Love has engaged Mr. Louis Love to manage the booking agency, and it could not be placed into better hands, for Louis is well posted from A to Z. He can supply all kinds of talent, both for on the road, or city, as he knows all the professionals. If you want to secure something for the coming summer, or the regular season, send in your name, and address to Mr. Love, and he will give your application attention. Managers can be supplied at any time, if you will only address Mr. Louis Love, 2702 State street. Don't forget to subscribe for the Freeman, your friend. I hope that my friends who have written to me, and recieved no reply, will not get offended for I have been on the sick list, and am just beginning to be able to be around again. My kindest regards to all, and may you all be blest with plenty of the green goods The Freeman will still be handled at headquarters.

MADAME FLOWER'S COMING VENTURE.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

Mamie Flower, known as the "Bronze Melba," according to report is to star next season in a musical comedy entitled "Queen of the Jungles." This report gives rise to a new set of circumstances that will be dwelt upon in the circumference.

Commenting from the earlier achievements of this singer's procedure, her European tours, her success in vaudeville and her steller calling as a co-star in John W. Isham's Octoroon company, due to the interest taken in her deserving welfare by the belated Fred J Piper who, it might be well to state here—"thoroughbred that he was"—stands to-day foremost of all the colored actors who have died in the past few years His relation to Mrs. Flower—a purely business relation—remains memorial to her and the fruits of his efforts of the past are all estimable additions to her coming campaign. Special direction has never afforded me an opportunity to comment on her voice, but in this review it would be essential to relate that Mme. Flower is a prima donna mezzo-soprano. Her voice is a natural one of considerable power. Her vocal art is not finished, but her experience and judgment of vocal requirements are quite near perfection. In voice alone, as a mezzo soprano, she stands first, prominently, of her race in that class. Born in the South and reared in New York, she has had all the advantages of "tricks in trade" for a starring tour and its warfare's adoption. Blessed with very good looks and with only thirty years of life's journey and youth on her side, in this direction she need not yet be fraught with anguish. Another telling racial feature in her favor is her color As luck would have it Mme. Flower shows her bronze color in omitting paint and powder. This exhibit of her light-brown skin and tangable wavy hair is quite in keeping with all the desirable ligaments of the combine.

Inasmuch as Mme. Flower is a classical singer, and if she expects to re enter the stage as a comedy star, she knows the requirements, and if she does not she "will" know, and everybody else concerned will know, in the concluding scope which I will dwell upon for the benefit of the younger school in the circumference. The requirements of a female star in musical Negro comedy is much like May Irwin, a white retired actress, has given to the public. The work of a colored actress need not be wholly confined to Miss Irwin's style. In Mme. Flower's case several things will be required of her—I state this because she is a classical singing star.

Presentation of standard grand opera must be omitted entirely to begin with. The star must have a speaking and acting part, no matter how small, so long as it is prominent and musical ensembles must present her as the center of attraction especially when the curtain rings down. In comedy, if comedy is to be the presentation, Mme. Flower must make her entrance in a simple, catchy song with a tuneful chorus that is well sung and acted by the chorus It will also be up to her for love scenes in a speaking part with the leading comedian. She will not be required to dance, but she will be compelled to sing a coon song in rag-time, to be danced off by the chorus. Later in the play her one solo, in holding the stage alone or singing without a chorus, can be classical and the introduction of her old favorite songs would be appreciated.

Nothing short of these requirements will fill the bill for comedy and as for the supporting company, no comedian will dare talk across the footlights illigitimately to spoil the classification of the show and expect one ounce of mercy from the writer—critic

The Cole and Johnson Bro.'s song factory would be the most reliable source of fitting out Mme. Flower with the proper musical and stage material. Bob Cole, as everybody knows, is master of the comedy situation and to him can she safely look for comedy perfections.

Here I shall state that the women of the chorus should all be of a color, no lighter than Mme. Flower, and for once we should hope to see the color-line entirely dispensed with in a colored show; my estimation of the meague ability of the average "yellow daisy" now causes me to say it.

The white looking actress and black actor has been fully opinionated to me by test from all classes of theater goers. White looking women in comedy means prejudice. Negro comedy means color, especially in love scenes, the true life of Negro comedy. I can, at this time, safely say that Negro actors and white managers of these comedies have been making a mistake. The purvayers will hereafter have to paint Negro comedy black. According to heralded promises we will not look for a combination or burlesque show. We will look for comedy and will not glory in a disappointment.

Much encouragement by the public and lavish consideration by her manager should be shown Mme. Flower in this new venture. I have predicted that a female star would be a grand success and more in demand than comedians in the future. It behooves her management to strictly adhere to the legitimate standard of argument and other advice as presented in this review. I may also recall that Mme. Flower has a reputation in the middle West that is second to none, and her visitation there as a star at first would be greater than in New York City—until New York wakes up to feel the point of a new darn-needle. In the meantime Mamie Flower will have to bathe in the salt sea-air and water all summer in order to take off as much weight as possible—not at Coney Island. Atlantic City or Long Branch, N. J., would be dreadfully nice.

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BUDGET OF INTERESTING NEWS.

Washington, D. C, Special.—The Negro has a champion in the House of Representatives, who loses no opportunity of presenting measures and of speaking for his cause. This champion is General Edward De V. Morrell, of Pennsylvania, the author of the bill bearing his name to prohibit the separation of passengers by common carriers on account of race or color. The most exhaustive plea for the rights of the black man during the present session of Congress was made by Gen. Morrell in the House of Representatives on Monday, April 4, the full text of which appears in the Congressional Record of April 8. Gen. Merrell's argument was based on the constitutional right of the Negro to the exercise of the elective franchise. He laid down the general principle that "no human right on this continent is more completely guaranteed than the right against disfranchisement on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, as embodied in the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States." He quoted the resolutions adopted by the Union League Club in New York against disfranchisement, and the arguments made in the North American Review several years ago on the disfranchisement question by Wendell Phillips, Gen. James A. Garfield, Hon. James G. Blaine, Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, General Wade Hampton, Alexander H. Stephens, Montgomery Blair and Thomas A. Hendricks, showing that the highest intellects of both sections and all political parties were opposed to the disfranchisement of the Negro. This speech is a very valuable contribution to the discussion of the race problem, and should be widely read by those seeking information on this most interesting question.

The New Century, Hon. D. I. Murphy editor, the Catholic organ of this section is now discussing the Negro question from the Catholic standpoint. It urges the founding and maintenance of industrial schools, and the concentration of efforts for higher education into one or more complete universities. It strongly supports the Tuskegee idea of education for the Negro.

The Baltimore Annual Conference of the A. M. E. connection has been holding its sessions in this city at the Metropolitan Church, Rev. Oscar J. W. Scott, pastor, since Tuesday of last week. The conference is composed of ministers from all parts of Maryland and of the Districts of Columbia. Bishop B. F. Lee, of Baltimore, is the presiding officer. The conference has been addressed on well chosen subjects of both religious and educational nature by many persons of note and distinction. It was welcomed to the city by Commissioner Henry B. F. McFarland, Rev. Walter H. Brooks and Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate.

The banquet to Prof. Booker T. Washington, held in this city on the 17th of March, and his great lecture at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, will not soon be forgotten. "An Epitome of the Booker T. Washington Banquet and Lecture," is the title of a book now being compiled by Mr. William Jenifer, of Southwest Washington. The epitome will contain in full the speeches at the banquet, Prof. Washington's lecture and newspaper accounts of the same, together with short sketches of the 160 guests. A souvenir number for the World's Fair at St. Louis is being prepared.

The S. Coleridge Taylor Choral Society, of Washington, whose rendition of "Hiawatha" on Tuesday evening last, at the opening of the session of the Baltimore Conference was attended and enjoyed by an audience of 1,400 persons, about one fourth white. The chorus of 200 voices, Prof. John T. Layton conductor, have never sung so well nor produced so favorable an impression as they did on Tuesday night. Mrs Kathryne Skeene-Mitchell, of Cleveland, O., who has proven indispensable to the society as the soprano soloist, was especially brilliant and well received. Her excellent interpretation and rendition of the parts assigned her brought forth prolonged and hearty applause. Other soloists were Fred J. Work, of Nashville, Tenn., tenor; and Stanley C. Gilbert, of Philadelphia, Pa., baritone. Samuel Coleridge Taylor, the Negro for whom the society is named and who is regarded as the foremost composer of England today, has written two short compositions dedicated to the Washington society, which will be sung when he appears in this country next November to conduct the chorus in person and render "Hiawatha" or "The Atonement."

Mrs. C. Dennie French, of Chicago, has been in the city during the past week, the guest of Hon. and Mrs. Mifflin W. Gibbs.

Rev. S. L. Corrothers is the strongest man that the Zion connection has had in this section of the country for a long time. Aside from being a pulpit orator of much eloquence he is active in every movement designed for the general uplift of the race. Rev. Corrothers thinks that the right of suffrage for every American citizen as laid down in the Constitution of the United States ought to be the paramount issue of the coming campaign.

The Woman's Guild of St. Luke's P. E. Church, R. O. M. Waller pastor, took advantage of the presence of Mrs. Skeene-Mitchell in the city to have her sing at a concert given by the guild on Friday night last. Her selections were much enjoyed and she was repeatedly encored. Other music was furnished by the Aeolians.

Miss Margaret P. Morrell has been appointed as teacher of English at the Armstrong Manual Training school, to take the place of Mrs. Ida Hunt.

Prof. J. L. Love addressed the Second Baptist Lyceum Sunday, the 24th.

The spring number of the M Street High School Journal is on the market.

Mr. Reuben S. Smith, who has been confined to his home for about a month by reason of a severe accident, has almost completely recovered.

The date of the holding of the Republican primaries in this city has been set for May 3.

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Rome Items.

Rome, N. Y. special.—Grove street M. E. Sunday school gave its Easter exercises which was a very grand affair. The church was beautifully decorated. Mr. R. Goodman made a trip to Syracuse last week. Mr. William Wright came home sick from Niagara Falls March 31st, his sister came from Watkins to see him at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright, 604 Merces street. You can get all kinds of books, papers and magazines especially The Freeman, at Robert V. Payne's 216 Spring street, Rome N. Y.

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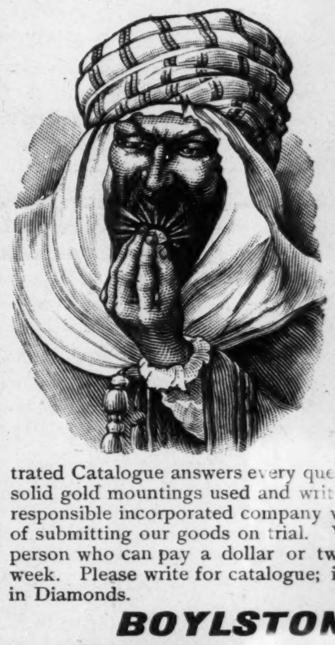

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Every week I receive two or three letters from young people (male and female) in the South anxious to get my opinion about coming North or to the great City of New York to seek either fame or fortune.

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These people, their locations and conditions are so unlike that I can give no general rule, but am obliged to write to each a personal letter. To some I say "come," to others I say "stay." I must, however, confess that the average sections of the South of today offers few inducements to the ambitious colored youth who aims higher than that of a hewer of wood and a drawer of water.

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I hear hundreds of Sir Critics, writers, ministers and teachers in the Southland yell: "I object!" Not ready for the question." They point to the fact that the trades union and labor unions in the North will not take a colored man into their brotherhoods (?) that all doors of labor, except that of a house servant, a coachman or a hotel waiter are closed against a colored youth, all of which is true as a rule.

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It all depends upon the young man's object in wanting to come North. If he wants to enjoy "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" to the full extent of the law, or if he wants to get more money for his labor to enable him to buy a home in the South, or to pay off the debt on the old plantation, then I say come North. On the other hand, if he expects to make himself a great doctor, lawyer, preacher or merchant, then I say stay at home, in the South.

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The colored man who says nothing but "saws wood," doesn't attempt to vote, or ride in a car with white folks and minds his own business can live in peace in some sections of the South, providing he does not own more of this world's goods than his white neighbors. If you are contented stay where you are, if not, try some other parts, the world is wide.

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Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on.
—The New York Tribune.

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Personal.—If these few lines should "arrest the pensive eye" of Bro, Quilldriver R. W. Thompson let me say that he has the well wishes of Augustus M. Hodges and the new Mrs. Hodges. The same to you. Thanks awfully; don't yer know.

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The same compliments are paid to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elmore Brock and other friends who were not present at the marriage.

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THE LAW OF LOVE.

Make channels for the streams of love
Where they may broadly run;
And love has overflowing streams
To fill them, every one.

But if at any time we cease
Such channels to provide,
The very founts of love for us
Will soon be parched and dried.

For we must share, if we would keep
That blessing from above,
Ceasing to give, we cease to have—
Such is the law of love.
—The New York Tribune.

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It is a backward spring for a President and a Leap Year up to date. I know seven old maids that have not proposed yet. I have only heard of seven "calls" for "National Convention of Negro citizens to nominate Negroes for President and Vice-president of the United States. I have only kicked ten book agents down stairs.

B. SQUARE.

The Gun Club.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—The first day of March brought the hunting season in the state of Florida to a close. Game in this section is always plentiful, and the season just passed, from a sportman's view, was very successful. The Tarragona Street Gun Club, which is composed of some of the crack wing shots of this part of the state, covered themselves with glory. This club stands as the only colored gun club offering premiums for fox hides, owls and hawks and for the protection of the game birds. The club is efficiently officered as follows: Mr. D. J. Cunningham, president; W. H. Campbell, secretary, Morgan Moore, treasurer. The club will engage in weekly trap shoots during the summer.

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Mr. R. Le Roy Stokes traveling stenographer to Dr. Booker T. Washington is one of Indiana's most creditable products. His home is in Terre Haute, and he spent some time at Harvard College prior to going to Tuskegee. Mr. Stokes is the author of a new-written article in the current issue of the A. M. E. church review entitled: "some Negro criticisms of Dr. Booker T. Washington."

To Freeman Subscribers.

Always give former address in cases of removal where paper is to be changed from one place to another.

Educational Notes.

The Freeman acknowledges an invitation to attend the thirty-sixth anniversary exercises of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va., Thursday April, 21st.

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An excellent address by Prof. W. H. Councill of Normal, Alabama appears in the Nashville Banner also in the Nashville American

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LINCOLN INSTITUTE NOTES.

President B. F. Allen, in addition to his address on "Commercial Training," delivered the response to the welcome address at the recent session of the conventions of college Presidents in Baltimore. A more extended account of the President's trip of this meeting will appear in the next issue.

Rejent J. Silas Harris of Kansas City spent several days at Lincoln Institute last week, where all were glad to welcome him. Prof. Harris made a very interesting and instructive talk to the faculty and students, and having carefully inspected the work of each department expressed himself as much pleased with all of the work of the school, with the buildings, grounds, etc.

Among others visitors during the week were Mrs. Page of Moberly, and Mrs. Whyte, of Denver. Both of these ladies have daughters attending the institution, and both were enthusiastic in their praise of the school, and the result attained by their young people.

At the Sunday afternoon service, April 10, Pror. J. S. Yates addressed an appreciative audience on, "The Mission of the Negro Student."

Y. M. C. A. Condolence.

The following preamble and resolutions on the death of Bro. Samuel G. Givens were adopted:

Whereas, the Great and Almighty Father of us all has, in His infinite wisdom sent the Angel of Peace to take from our midst our good and useful brother, Samuel G. Givens, and in appreciation of his faithfulness as our first president may it be

Resolved, That we, as the Y. M. C. A., extend to his memory and to his widow and family our heartfelt sympathies in appreciation of his earnestness and conscientiousness in which he carried out his duties in our association.

Resolved, We mourn the loss of our dear brother, yet we rejoice in the knowledge that his life merits the promise of Jesus Christ, and we feel that now he is in the happy and beautiful land where pain, sorrow and death are known no more.

Resolved, May his life be an example to us, and, when death shall come, may we also, with clearness of mind, say as he said, "I am waiting on the Lord, His will be done."

WILLIS KERSEY, President.
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Muncie Happenings.

Sunday was the day set apart for the R. of P. annual sermon quite a large crowd assembled at A. M. E. church at 3 p. m. the appointed hour and everything passed off with credit. Quite a number of visitors were present from surrounding cities and towns. Long service was held at the Second Baptist church Sunday afte noon by "St Luke's" club a church anxillery. A neat little sum was realized which is to be applied on their beautiful church in course of construction. The Silver Leaf club fair was held Monday and Tuesday evening April 18-19. Mr. Wallace Johnson is seriously ill at his home in E Jackson street, and his demise is hourly expected. Mr. James E Robbins of Urbana, O., is in this city the guest of his sons, W. E. and J. M. Robbins. The Whitely Industrial club, will hold a fair the second week in May Second Baptist church sewing circle will hold fair the first week in May, A. M. E church will hold theirs the second week in May, Muncie will have a season of fairs.

New Albany Notes.

New Albany, Ind, special.—The sacred concert at Bethel A. M. E. church was quite a success. Next Sunday is rally day at the Second Baptist church. Miss Sarah Emery entertained a number of her friends during Sunday afternoon. On Monday April 25th the Knights of Friendship will begin their annual fair at O. F. hall. The Misses Robinson visited their New Albany friends last Sunday. Dr. Martin declined the re-appointment as teacher at Division street school and the vacancy has been filled. It is said that a manuel training department is to be added to Scribners High School; this will greatly encourage the attendance. Mr. Wm. Meyer a veteran of the Civil war is dead Mr. Charles Williams who fell from Morgan's window on the third floor is able to be out again. Mr. Wm Carter left for Cincinnatti to seek employment. Mr. Howard known as, "Jap" is spending a few weeks with friends and relatives.

Rome Items.

Rome. N. Y., special.—Mr. Wm. Wright who has been on the sick list started for home, in Niagara Falls, last Thursday. His sister Mrs. Thompson went as far as Rochester, where she left him for her home in Wakinee. After the 1st of May Mr. Walter Pell will give up the head-waitership at the Stonwix Hall to take a large house in the East. The young people of Grace street A. M. E. church gave an entertainment at the parsonage on thursday evening for the benefit of the church. Supper was served. You can get books of all kind including the Freeman from Robert Payne, 216 Spring street.

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Many convicted to be hanged and to the pen for life have been pardoned in a short time by this gifted Medium. Many women and men who could not live in their homes on account of their disagreeable husbands and wives have returned and now are doing well. Many young ladies and gents who have been led astray on account of the devil's work, are now better than ever. Many who have spent all their money going into business and have lost on account of evil work, have gained it back and are now happy and have a great trade. Many who pretended to be great friends to you in a deceitful way, Dr. Robertson has found them evil. Many who fought for justice, such as property, divorces. etc., and lost, have gained their rights by this great Medium power. Many mediums, spiritualists, fortune tellers, etc., who have taken money from them and did no good, are now receiving justice and their devil's work is being broken up. Many who have sprinkled powder, burned candles and buried bundles against you have no more power. Dr. Robertson breaks up conjurations as he goes. Many who were about to die from spells, old sores, poison, witchcraft and conjuration were saved by this mighty healer. Many who have carried news against you to cause trouble have stopped and can not carry any more. Many who got between a happy family have got on their knees and begged pardon by this gifted man's power. Many men who have left their homes naked and many women who forsook their husbands, have reformed and are now happy. Dr. Robertson's works were brought from Richmond, Va. Many who tried to save money and spent every dime that they made have now a large bank account and property. Dr. Robertson chains down your enemies so that they will never reach you in life. He sleeps in his dark room in a dead trance and looks into your pathway as if it were made of glass and catches what is for your good or bad and seals it up on his spiritual table and sends it by mail. He unlocks your door of wealth, happiness and peace. The spirit of God guides him. See him now and your troubles will end; it was proven at the Spiritual Hall No. 321, Camp Street, Jan. 6th, 1904 that only five men in the world could do the work that he does and no women.

TESTIMONIALS.

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is true. I was in my bed afflicted for months; could not raise up my hand until I heard of Dr. Robertson. I sent for him immediately. He came to my home and told me what was the matter, also cured me sound with his spiritual power. I am excited from gladness. Rev. O. F Clinton, Jackson, Miss.

To the public in general: Allow me to express what Dr. H. W. Robertson has done for me. I was sick for five pears and my husband was nearly crazy from a spell that he had for fifteen years and we could not succeed in anything until I tried this gifted medium and he removed the spells and sickness entirely; now we are happy indeed. We would like to have him to live in our city. Very respectfully, Mrs. I. V. Norman, No 1123 Tchoupitoulas street, New Orleans, La.

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr. Henrygoldsea W. Robertson can help the needy. My husband was so cross when he would come to the house I could not stay inside. He kept drunk for years, but after a friend of mine advised me to see Doctor Robertson. I took her advice and to-day we have our own home and a large farm. He is a powerful man. Levy Myles, Vickburg, Miss.

Dr. H. W. Robertson: Dear Friend—I received the last medicine that you sent me and after using it three days I felt as a new woman; all swelling left and the other matter is settled. I am, yours truly, J. J. Holland, Mobile, Ala.

This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is great. I had been fighting for my bounties so long until I thought there was no hope, but after reading of his wonders, I gave him a trial and I got my money and have settled up all debts and are in a pretty cottage of my own. May God bless him forever. D H. Hunt, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. H. W. Robertson: Dear Sir—Allow me to thank you for your kindness. I have gained my property back and the woman who caused the trouble between my husband and I have left the town and he is now better than ever. You will always have my best wishes for success. Mrs. L. E. Jackson, Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Dr Robertson: Only a few words to thank you kindly for what you did for me. The parties who stole my clothes and jewelry brought them back and put them at my gate. It is a talk for the town. You are true in your works. Respectfully, G. Cinclare, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Robertson: Dear Sir—After you removed the evil spirits from our home and gave us the lucky charm, we succeeded in getting the hidden treasure. Now we are leaving to live in another state and will always picture you in our memory. From R. A. and H. Penn, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is true in what he says. I have lost my job for three months, did not have money to support my wife and family after consulting Dr. Robertson and he told me that witchcraft was the cause and worked his spiritual power for me. I am now doing well and have more work than I can really do. Also I and my friends have got him to decide to live in our city. I am yours respectfully, M. R Hills, Dallas, Texas. Call on or write him; price for fortune $1.15. Send money with your letter; for other particulars, write him. Address DR. HENRYGOLDSEA W. ROBERTSON,
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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Mrs. B. Farrell is ill.

Miss Ida Groves is better.

Mrs. Florence Skillern is ill with fever.

Mrs. Bishop Grant left to-day for Chicago.

Master Paul Bass has recovered from a recent illness.

Mrs. Maria Spears is ill at her home in Center street.

Mrs. J. Harris is ill at her home in Hiawatha street.

Miss Cora Julius of Marion was in the city last week.

J. B. Meadows of Louisville, Ky., is visiting his mother.

Mrs. Ida Bass is improving from a recent serious illness.

Mrs Florence Goins is ill at her home in West Tenth street.

Uneeda good photo go to Bennett's 36 E. Washington street.

W. J. Campbell of Central City, Ky., was in the city this week.

Rev. N. L. Bray of Louisville, Ky., will be in the city next week.

Rev. J. W. Luckett was a caller at The Freeman office last Saturday.

The Antique dancing class danced Tuesday night. Many were present.

E G. Moore has gone to St. Louis to accept a position at the World's Fair.

Charles Spires of Marion attended the State Republican Convention here this week.

Mrs. Marie E. Ballard is in Jeffersonville, Ind., attending the bedside of her sick mother.

The Night Owls danced at Odd Fellows' Hall on Tuesday evening. It is needless to say more.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y M. C. A. furnished the program at Simpson Chapel Sunday night.

Walter Jameson was at Evansville last Monday for the purpose of organizing a lodge of U. B. F's.

Mr. Guy Weaver has returned to his home in Marion to spend the summer vacation with his parents.

Mr. A. Tribble is able to be out again after a very successful operation performed by Dr. S. A. Furnies.

Mr. H. T. Kealing, editor of the A. M. E Review, was a pleasant caller on The Freeman last Wednesday.

Mrs. N. H. Talbott arrived in the city last week, where she joins her husband, who is pastor of Simpson Chapel.

Drs. Watson and Townsend, together with Bishop Grant, left Wednesday to attend the conference in Chicago.

The Ninth Presbyterian church will have prayer and praise meeting at 11 a. m. and Sunday School at 2:30 p. m

The State college oratorical contest will take place at Crawfordsville. May 3d. Samuel Taylor, colored, is a contestant.

John W. Woods, night watchman at the Big Four freight office, has returned from a visit to his home in Lebanon, Kentucky.

Oliver J. Stokes, formerly of this city, but now living in Minneapolis, Minn., was in the city on Wednesday en route to New York.

The Men's Club gave a musical and literary entertainment at Simpson Chapel, Thursday night. It was a pleasing affair.

Rev. James Luckett held a series of meetings at Jones' Tabernacle last week that were largely attended by interested listeners.

James B. Hall of P. G. Lowery's famous concert band was in the city this week en route to Columbus, Ohio, to join the Forepaugh-Sells' Brothers' show.

The Woman's Club was entertained last week by Mrs. Brookins in Alvoid street. This week it will be the guest of Mrs. Naomi Cook, 1132 North Missouri street.

Attorney G. W. McMicken of Evansville, Ind., passed through Indianapolis last week en route to Baltimore, Md., for permanent location. He was the guest of Marion Harrison.

The B. Y. P. U. of Mt. Zion Baptist church will discuss the following subject to-morrow evening: "What is meant by the restoration of all things, spoken of by the Prophets?"

Miss Tynnie B. Smith, daughter of Mr. John E. Smith, and David S. Hamilton were quietly married Thursday evening, April 14th, at 9 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Amanda Breckenridge, 710 Bright street.

Rev. W. J. Conquest, B. D., has charge of Walter's Chapel, corner Barth avenue and Shelby street, having been transferred from the New Jersey Conference of the A. M. E Zion connection. He will hold special meetings all next week.

Mrs Ellen Gray, an aged and respected citizen, died Tuesday night April 19 after a painful illness. Mrs. Gray leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her demise. Her life was that of an exemplary Christian, and the community loses one of its best members.

Oscar W. Langston, a native of Greensburg, Ind., aged 22 years, graduated with the '04 class of the Indiana Dental College. He is also a graduate of Greensburg High School. He has worked his way through school by blacking boots and waiting table. Dr. Langston will practice at Evansville, Ind.

Mrs. May Wright Sewell addressed a large audience at Simpson Chapel, last Sunday at 3 p. m. Her theme was "Blessed be Drudgery." It was one of the most instructive lectures ever delivered in our city, and will long be remembered by those who so attentively listened to it. Mrs. J. T. V. Hill was selected to introduce the speaker, which was done in a very graceful manner At the close of the lecture Mrs. Hill presented the speaker with a beautiful boquet in behalf of the church.

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Sunday morning sermon by the pastor on the subject of "Some lessons from the great men of the Old and New Testament. At 3 o'clock p. m. baptizing and the Holy Eucharist administered. Also reading into full membership those who united with the church last winter, and who have been faithful to duty since. At 7:30 p. m. sermon by the pastor.

Y. M. C. A.

At a large meeting, Sunday afternoon, at the Association parlors, Rev. H. L. Herod of the Christian church delivered an interesting, as well as a most helpful address. The Sunday meetings have been most profitable, and during four month's time five young men have been converted and quite a number helped.

On Monday night, April 25th, the Board of Directors of the Association re-elected Mr. Willis Kersey as president; Dr. H. L. Hummons, vice-president; Walter Shrewsbury, treasurer; Dr. William Bodger Russell, recording secretary. The board also decided that the present home of the association was inadequate for the real work, and plans were approved to secure an association building.

The Athletic committee are planning for all-round athletics, and tennis will soon be one of the pleasing features.

A Bible class of twelve young men has been organized, and meets every Thursday night at 8 o'clock. All are invited to attend the meetings.

The mock trial will be given at Simpson Chapel, May 6. 1904. This promises to be an interesting affair.

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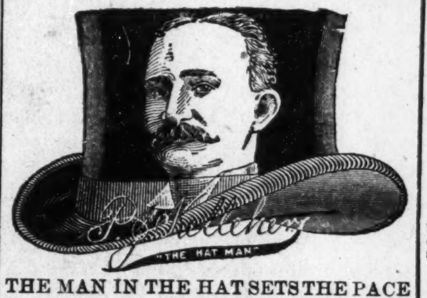

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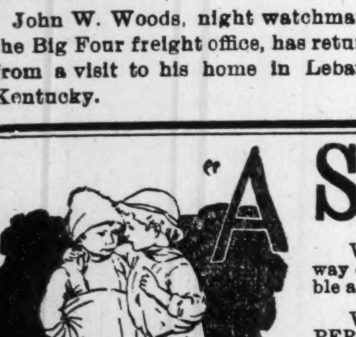

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